

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-37. (cancelled)

38. (currently amended) A mould for a culinary preparation, comprising:

a flexible hollow piece made from an elastomer material and a removable rigid plate-shaped base stiffener,

said flexible hollow piece having an upright side wall and a lower portion,

said upright side wall being an annular continuous wall,

said lower portion comprising a flexible lower lip projecting from a lower base of the upright side wall, holding said rigid plate-shaped base stiffener and defining with said plate-shaped base stiffener a bottom wall of the mould, and

a flexible upper lip projecting from the lower base of the upright side wall, extending above said flexible lower lip, defining with said flexible lower lip a radially opened groove in which the plate-shaped base stiffener is removably received and clipped, and

said flexible upper lip pinning said plate-shaped base stiffener against said flexible lower lip,

said flexible lower lip being a ring-shaped wall limited towards the centre of the bottom wall by a hole that is covered by the plated-shaped base stiffener,

said lower ring-shaped wall having an upper surface presenting a shouldering making it thicker in the peripheral part that is close to the lower base of the side wall than in a central part that is close to the hole, and

said plate-shaped base stiffener having an annular step in order to approximately follow said upper surface of the lower ring-shaped wall on which it is disposed.

39. (previously presented) The mould of claim 38, wherein the lower base of the side wall is formed integrally with the lower lip.

40-41. (cancelled)

42. (currently amended) The mould of claim 38 [[41]], wherein said lower ring-shaped wall occupies between 1/5 and 4/5 of the total surface area of the bottom wall of the mould.

43. (currently amended) The mould of claim 38 [[41]], wherein said lower ring-shaped wall occupies between 1/3 and 2/3 of the total surface area of the bottom wall of the mould.

44. (cancelled)

45. (previously presented) The mould of claim 38, wherein the ratio of the length of the extension of the lower lip from the lower base of the side wall to the corresponding length of the upper lip is at least equal to 1.

46. (previously presented) The mould of claim 38, wherein the ratio of the length of the extension of the lower lip from the lower base of the side wall to the corresponding length of the upper lip is at most equal to 20.

47. (previously presented) The mould of claim 38, wherein the ratio of the length of the extension of the lower lip from the lower base of the side wall to the corresponding length of the upper lip is between 5 and 10.

48. (previously presented) The mould of claim 38, wherein the upper lip is a continuous lip.

49. (currently amended) The mould of claim 38 [[41]], wherein the upper lip comprises several segments defining with the lower ring-shaped wall a discontinuous groove.

50. (previously presented) The mould of claim 49, wherein the upper lip comprises 3 or 4 segments.

51. (cancelled)

52. (currently amended) The mould of claim 38 [[51]], wherein said lower ring-shaped wall has a lower surface which is substantially flat and an upper surface presenting a shouldering making it thicker in a peripheral part that is close to the lower base of the side wall than in a central part that is close to the hole, said plate shaped base stiffener having an annular step in order to approximately follow said upper surface of the lower ring-shaped wall on which it is disposed.

53. (previously presented) The mould of claim 52, wherein said lower surface comprise a flange at the external perimeter thereof.

54-56. (cancelled)

57. (previously presented) The mould of claim 38, wherein said flexible hollow piece is of one-piece construction and surrounds the removable rigid plate-shaped base stiffener.

58. (new) A mould for a culinary preparation, comprising:

a flexible hollow piece made from an elastomer material and a removable rigid plate-shape base stiffener,

said flexible hollow piece having an upright side wall and a lower portion,

said upright side wall being an annular continuous wall,

said lower portion comprising a flexible lower lip projecting from a lower base of the upright side wall, holding said rigid plate-shape base stiffener and defining with said plate-shape base stiffener a bottom wall of the mould,

a flexible upper lip projecting from the lower base of the upright side wall, extending above said flexible lower lip, defining with said flexible lower lip a radially opened groove in which the plate-shape base stiffener is removably received and clipped,

said flexible upper lip pinning said plate-shape base stiffener against said flexible lower lip,

said flexible lower lip being a ring-shaped wall limited towards the centre of the bottom wall by a hole that is covered by the plate-shaped base stiffener,

said lower ring-shaped wall having an upper surface presenting a shouldering making it thicker in the peripheral part that is close to the lower base of the side wall than in a central part that is close to the hole, and

said plate-shaped base stiffener having an annular step in order to approximately follow said upper surface of the lower ring-shaped wall on which it is disposed, wherein

the lower ring-shaped wall occupies between 1/5 and 4/5 of the total surface area of the bottom wall of the mould.